

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

By the present Amendment, Applicant amends claim 21. Applicant also hereby cancels claims 29 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 21-25 and 28 are all the claims pending in the Application, with claim 21 being in independent form. Claims 21-25 and 28-30 have been rejected.

The present Amendment addresses each point of objection and rejection raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on June 29, 2006.

III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-22, 24-25 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,190,473 to Cook et al. (hereinafter “Cook”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,710,789 to Sekiguchi et al. (hereinafter “Sekiguchi”). Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Cook, in view of Sekiguchi, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,963,216 to Chiarabini et al. (hereinafter “Chiarabini”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for *at least* the reasons set forth below.

As an initial matter, Applicant notes that claims 29 and 30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and, therefore, the Examiner's rejections with respect to claims 29 and 30 are now moot.

Further, without conceding to the merits of the Examiner's rejections, claim 21 has been amended to incorporate subject matter of claims 29 and 30. Claim 21 has also been amended to recite (among other things) the features of wherein, if the content includes a plurality of contents laid out for the one of the pages being printed, then the control unit automatically changes a number of the contents being printed, displayed on the screen by the display unit, in accordance with the number of the contents laid out for the one of the pages being printed. However, none of the cited references, nor any combination thereof, teaches or even remotely suggests these features.

In contrast to the recitations of claim 21, Cook teaches a printer apparatus with a graphical user interface wherein, when the page view 50 is active, a preview of an output page 76 shown on display 30, with the digital photographic images arranged on the output page in the manner in which they will be printed. Cook also teaches that to remove an image from the page 76, the view button 38 is pressed twice to cause the image view 48 to be active again, and the images stepped through until the desired image is displayed. But, Cook nowhere teaches or suggests the features of a control unit that automatically changes a number of contents laid out for the one of the pages being printed being printed, displayed on the screen by the display unit, in accordance with the number of the contents laid out for one of the pages being printed, as recited in claim 21. Moreover, neither Sekiguchi, nor Chiarabini remedy the deficient teachings of Cook with respect to these features.

Therefore, claim 21 is patentable over the cited references for *at least* these reasons. Further, the dependent claims 22-25 and 28 are patentable over the cited references *at least* by virtue of their dependency on claim 21. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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